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Dear Residence of Glenns Ferry,

The last few months have been a challenge to all of us. This virus has tested each of us in our own way. We continue to see a spike in cases and wonder when this is going to be controlled.



Many of the Mayors are trying to find the right combination of protocols to use to help reduce contracting this virus. Many feel we should require face masks and others have strongly disagreed with that concept. I for one will wear the face mask when in groups or small areas with people around me. That is my choice and I believe everyone else has the right to choose what they do to protect themselves. I also feel that each business has the right to choose how to open their business and decide how they will do business, and they have shown strong leadership during these difficult times. Many of them lost significant money during the shutdowns and still face a tremendous challenge.

I have received calls addressing the disappointment that many are feeling about not having the 4th of July parade and festivities in the park. My family feels the same. We looked forward to the scout breakfast and the good food in the park. The Chamber did not make the decision in a vacuum nor was it made hastily. I discussed it with them, and they came to a good decision, which I support. I am looking for ways to celebrate other than our usual parade and fun at the park. The good news is that the Chamber along with the Fire Department will fire off the fireworks at dusk on the 4th of July. I plan on parking where I can see them and maintain my social distancing. We all need to treat each other with respect and give each other space. I believe it will be a wonderful evening.

The town was hit by a large thunderstorm on June 29th. The storm put down a tremendous amount of water in town and many streets were flooded. The city crew responded immediately to try and unplug drains and route water away from property. The City Hall did receive some water in the kitchen area as well as the office in the Fire Department. I would like to thank the firemen and their wives that responded to mop up and help set up fans. They did a great job and helped mitigate damages. Some of them were there into the early morning. Thank You.

The storm waters washed a large area near the water plant. Please stay back from the bank as it could still be unstable. The City Crew has taped off this area and barriers are in place. I have contacted our engineer and will be developing a mitigation plan. I hope to have this area stabilized soon.

The work at the airport is continuing under the direction of Airport Manager Justin Wooton. We are looking forward to getting that completed.

The Council decided to hold the regular Council meetings at City Hall. I have moved the chambers into the large room so that we can accommodate a larger group and maintain our distancing. I will also continue to offer the meetings by phone and computer so that you can participate if you feel you do not want to come to the meeting at City Hall. If you have a need to address the Council, you may do so by phone or computer. Just contact the clerk and we will make the arrangements.

We all are looking forward to getting back to normal as soon as we can. I know many people cannot see family and friends right now and this can be a very depressing time for people who are alone and not near family. If you know of someone who needs help reach out to them. Please continue to practice good protocols and protect yourselves.

As always, the people of this town will get past this and Sammy and I wish everyone the best. I hope you enjoy the 4th.

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